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N. L. P.

This Column is Dedicated to the National Liberal Party—Matter Intended for Publication Should be Addressed to Morris Sachs, Secretary, Atlas Bank Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Detroit, Mich.—Please put my name on the subscription list for one of Dr. Wilson's books as my donation toward the Rome Congress Fund and oblige—ED. F. MARSHNER.

Stinet, Ky.—Find enclosed check for \$2; one for dues to N. L. P. and one for Dr. Wilson's book and ten cents for the button you sent me—WADE H. MORRAN.

Hennepin, Ill.—Enclosed find postal order for \$1 to help keep the Blue Grass Blade afloat. It must not go down. If that is not enough, will try and raise another as soon as I can. Am poor and nothing to do. A pension of \$8 per month is all I have to back me—J. W. STAFFER.

Harvey, Iowa.—You will find enclosed post office order for membership N. L. P. and please send me button and oblige—A. T. GEORGE.

P. S.—And one dollar for the Rome Congress Fund.

Clinton, Iowa.—Enclosed find post office order for \$2 to apply on Wilson's Rome Fund. I would like one of his books to find out what he says in the city of the Old Dago. Hope to meet you all in St. Louis, J. A. GREENHILL.

Morganville, Kan.—I enclose you draft for \$5—one dollar for my annual dues, one for Dr. Wilson's book and one for subscription to Blue Grass Blade. I note by last week's Blade that it may suspend on January 1st. If so I want the dues to go to my husband any way. If the Blade can go on again I will stay with it—L. P. TERRELL.

Little Hickman, Ky.—Enclosed find stamps. Send me one N. L. P. button. Tab my name for one of Dr. Wilson's books on the Rome Congress. Death to the Congress and long life for mental liberty—J. W. OVERSTREET.

North Platte, Neb.—Put me down for two of Dr. Wilson's books requesting the Women's Congress. Will endeavor to send the money before the start—W. LLOYD.

Wauchula, Fla.—Enclosed check for \$2—one for Dr. Wilson's book report on Rome Congress and the other to help defray his expenses to go to Rome. If my dues are due to N. L. P. for next year notify me and I will pay this year. If not, let me know—G. W. HARP.

Cooperstown, N. D.—Enclosed you will please find one dollar and cents—one dollar for my dues to N. L. P. and ten cents for N. L. P. pin—R. ANDERSON.

Highland, Ill.—Please find enclosed draft for \$11 for which credit for membership N. L. P. to Rome Congress Fund \$5, assistance of the Blade \$5. For the amount paid to Rome Congress Fund I submit a receipt for one of Dr. Wilson's book. Hoping that Mr. Hughes finds sufficient assistance to continue his publication, I remain yours truly—S. PABST.

Talent, Ore.—You can count me in for one of Dr. Wilson's books if he concludes to attend the Freehouse Congress. I hope to be there and hope the best one in the Liberal ranks for that undertaking. Under another cover I mail you a \$5.00 check for the same. It may amuse you—W. J. DEAN.

White Hall, Ill.—I was much surprised when I received the last number of the Blade for I had not heard about it. This puzzles me the most is that in this little town of about two thousand people, one twice a week and one daily have for many years managed to pay their way out outside help.

With such able writers as Mrs. Henry, Mrs. Closs, Wilson and Moore it seems to me the Blade ought to live. I don't like this plan of selling such goods too cheap.

Why not try and see how many will subscribe for the paper at three dollars for a weekly issue, or if it will not pay at that, once in two weeks, or even once a month and just give in the cream, leaving out the great mass of complaining letters—many of which do not leave a very good taste in one's mouth after reading.

You will doubtless wonder who it is that thus dares to plan for the Blade. The answer will say that I am simply a retired hay seed, 55 years of age, who came to this country in 1842 and in 1844 was chopping corn with you and one-half mile below Natchez, Miss., on the big river for the steamboats.

I didn't have a cent for my name in 1846 I volunteered to go to Mexico and help Taylor. In 1847 I fought for neither but nor died at Buena Vista. Since that time my main business has been farming. For twenty years I was master of the State Grange of Illinois, one of the grandest positions a man can possibly hold.

It is not for laymen to question the wisdom of the professional, yet there are difficulties in this new conception of the world. The demand of what God what right has it to be regarded as an authority? If one sees or hears of anything about the world ground of morality elsewhere why not seek the easier way instead of following the hard demand of what has been thought to be the word of God? Does the new idea mean that every man has his own God? With no reference to any higher commands than his individual propensities.

Now as regards Bro. Wilson's trip—

as soon as he gets ready to start let me know and I will forward the money and at the same time send my annual subscription. My certificate says that I am paid up to 1904. With so many places to put what little money I have it is not very difficult to get rid of it. Were I a Rockefeller you bet the Blade would not die. Hoping however that this is the darkest hour of the spicy little paper I will close—MAJOR GILLES.

Whenever you feel like it you can send us your check for Dr. Wilson's books or for the Rome Congress Fund. We have a Trust Company where all money is deposited. May you live to celebrate your 100th anniversary—M. S.

AN "IRISH AMERICAN."

Mr. Charles C. Moore: From time immemorial, popes, cardinals and a host of priests under the guise of religion, have been, and are still, plotting, in America, against Lincoln and common people.

Emperor Francis Joseph makes Dago popes. It costs a million dollars to make a pope. Christ had nowhere to lay his head. Mark Hanna makes presidents; why can't Mark and Ted make some more popes and get Cardinal Gibbons to assist, as he is authority on divorce and woman's sphere and Socialism?

Enclosed are two of those divinely appointed who are teaching good morals and temperance from the standpoint of Cardinal Gibbons.

A reader of the Blade; an Irish American; Hartford City, Indiana.

The letter contains four newspaper clippings. One of them is an account of a priest named Lepore and a man named Joe Sortes getting into a fight about a card game they were playing in the priest's apartments last night at Denver, Colo.

A clipping from a paper of the following day, Nov. 24th, says that the priest and his companion shot each other, and that both were dead.

A third clipping is from The Appeal to Reason, and is as follows: "Father Sanders, of the St. Leonard Catholic church, Brooklyn, N. Y., is one of those fellows who oppose Socialism because it would break up the family and ruin the country. He has just been discovered as leading a double life—one a sports and the other a priest."

A fourth clipping is from the same issue of West that a Mrs. West, who was a Mrs. Kipp, No. 10, the priests would not break up a family; they are such fine fellows, don't you know. There may be some who will think these things being unsuitable for publication.

People who live in glass houses will find stones throwing a bad custom to inaugurate the new year. Just too utterly too too. How they do love to protect the family from Socialism.

The fourth clipping, headlines and all is as follows:

POPE PERTURBED OVER FAILURE TO FIND MONEY

Vatican Spends Money in Anticipation of Fortune from Pope Leo

and is Embarrassed.

"Rome, Dec. 12.—The pope is perturbed over his failure to find the fortune of Leo XIII, despite the minutest search. It is certain during his long pontificate Leo amassed at least 20,000,000 lire. It is known that he kept the bulk of his securities and jewelry in his own private apartments in the Vatican. When these were opened they were found to contain only a few thousands of lire and a little jewelry. It is alleged Leo secretly gave the millions to one of his cardinals with orders to give them as an agreeable surprise to his successor several years after Leo's death. It is morally certain the millions were just given to the unhappy prelates concerned in the mad speculation which cost the pope a few years ago. To avert public scandal Leo never took a receipt for money given in this way."

In the meantime the Vatican, having spent a million lire in the search for the fortune of Leo XIII, has been greatly embarrassed by lack of money which, it was widely expected, would be used for the pope's private expenses.

While probably nobody will doubt the genuineness of the pope's private life, brother, if you had given your name.

I suppose this news from Rome about the absence of Pope Leo's money and jewels shows that the cardinal who accepted Pius X. and the pope himself, have stolen the money and jewels of the dead pope.

I suppose that a greater set of evils never lived than that whole gang.

(Chicago Chronicle)

What Shall Guide Us.

Not a few persons are perplexed over Clarence Able's modern idea of the Bible.

He says that the Bible is a story of a man who was a slave and who was freed by the abolitionists.

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PROPOSED METHOD FOR SUSTAINING THE BLADE

BY COMMITTEE ORGANIZED IN CINCINNATI, DECEMBER 5, 1903.

The entire cost of putting in the Linotype was:

For Linotype \$3,150
Extra Fixtures, Metal, etc. 450

Total \$3,600

The extra fixtures, etc., have all been paid, and \$1,610 has been paid on the linotype leaving 20 notes yet of \$74, and one of \$60 with interest, to be paid in notes, with interest, make about \$79 to be paid monthly for the next 21 months.

Owing to so many members paying but 50 cents for the paper and about eight hundred to one thousand who do not pay at all, the paper itself is barely sustaining. In order for it to live, the notes on the linotype must be met, and once being paid off, the Blade will be on a sure and firm foundation, and will never again be compelled to seek assistance. NOW the question is, HOW IS THIS OBLIGATION TO BE MET?

THE FOLLOWING PROPOSITION IS SUBMITTED

Which is based upon a purely business principle. Let each subscriber who desires the Blade to live advance one dollar, to be properly credited on the books of the Blade, which will extend his time one year longer than the regular expiration. This you perceive is only advancing your subscription, and there is no gift or charity in the act.

BUT THIS IS NOT ENOUGH

Unless every one would advance a dollar which cannot be hoped for. For this reason, those who are anxious for the Blade to live, must assist the undersigned, in getting just one additional subscriber for the Blade for \$1. If he cannot get a subscriber now, he can send a name at any later period, or he can empower the undersigned committee to furnish a name who will send the paper to colleges, public libraries, etc. But he must send this dollar with his own subscription AT ONCE to the office of the Blade. Now you understand the proposition: ONE DOLLAR TO BE ADVANCED FOR YOUR SUBSCRIPTION AND ONE DOLLAR FOR A NEW SUBSCRIBER. This is your part of it.

NOW THE COMMITTEE PROPOSES

To aid to the extent of its ability, both morally and financially, and by whatsoever means it can employ to sustain the publication.

The committee will be active in inducing those who are able, to render material aid, in excess to that which is proposed. By thus working together, with an active committee in charge, the debt can be lifted. There is no time to be lost, and if you intend to assist the committee, do it now, by sending TWO DOLLARS (or more if you can) as designated above to the office of the Blade.

JAMES E. HUGHES, Lexington, Ky.
T. J. WYSCARVER, Cincinnati, Ohio.
ADOLPH KAPPLUM, Cincinnati, Ohio.
M. A. KROWE, Cincinnati, Ohio.
J. B. WILSON, Cincinnati, Ohio.
JULIUS MARKS, Cincinnati, Ohio.
JOSEPHINE K. HENRY, Versailles, Ky.
MORRIS SACHS, Cincinnati, Ohio.
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CHAS. E. BRAUN, Cincinnati, Ohio.
M. WAMLEY, Cincinnati, Ohio.
M. J. CUNNING, Cincinnati, Ohio.
M. KAUFMAN, Lexington, Ky.
C. BUCHAGNANI, Lexington, Ky.

ties or is he to select from the bible passages and commands that harmonize with his own wishes and omit the rest? Those who have not kept up with "higher criticism" and the "historical method" are at a loss to know just what to do. The new mode of study may result in greater conception of religion than ever before, as Mr. Able says, but what are we to do meanwhile, and what if the new conception is not pleasing to all? Who shall say that it has any authority and who shall be the authority for the new authorities?

All these apparent difficulties may be made clear to Mr. Able, but the unsatisfied they are confusing the more so because they leave no sure ground for moral action.

"FENNEL" IS WHAT HE NAMED HIS DOG

Dyart, Iowa, Dec. 12, 1903. Brother Moore:

Dear Sir—I have just finished reading Dog Fennel in the Orient, and I am so much pleased with it that I want you to send one to my daughter, Miss Mina Van Winkle, Denver, Colo., and find money enclosed.

Since writing the above, or rather since you were in the Orient, I have a dog and named him "Fennel."

I have a dog; his name is "Fennel" Who takes his rest and ease. He claws and scratches in his kennel. To get rid of the flea.

I VAN WINKLE.

Answer.

It is some time on your dog: "Twill drive away the flea; Or on a cat, or man, or hog, Or on any beast you please."

OLD BLACK WOMAN THAT CAN REA..

There is an old black woman who lives in Lexington, who is called by her many friends "Old Aunt Lucy."

She is 60 years of age and is a full blood African. She some time works at the house of my sister, and occasionally at our house, the two of them being near by in the country.

Aunt Lucy's mannaers are simply perfect. She is a most agreeable and kind hearted woman, and a thing that constitutes a good servant she is simply a model.

I never heard anything about her religious opinions but suppose that, like Negroes generally, she is a Christian.

If I had \$10 I would not be afraid to leave it where she could get it, if

there was nobody else that would swipe it—my wife for instance—and I wish somebody would send me \$10 just to try it.

My wife had several times told me how "Aunt Lucy" would read my "Little Journeys to the Homes of English Authors" and had been sent to my wife and me for a Christmas present, by our son and daughter-in-law—and by the pictures when the old lady lived in Washington City.

I was reading about Samuel Taylor Coleridge, among others, he being one of the grandest of all the infidel thinkers.

"Fra Erbertus" was only half as good as a man as he is as a writer that book would be perfectly lovely, but it's hard for me to dissociate a man and his books.

Well, that Christmas night old Aunt Lucy got a great pile of my Lexington papers, and sent reading them, as I thought, without a moment's cessation except when, occasionally, she would stop a minute to help a little while servant girl with her lessons.

With all the big Lexington dailies piled around her I noticed that old Aunt Lucy used only a small four-page paper, and I thought—sorter mixed up with my thoughts of "Fra Erbertus" and Coleridge—that Aunt Lucy had picked out a quarto from one of our big Lexington dailies, and was reading about all the good things that Jesus had done for us, and with all that pile of papers around her, as she read she would read a little paper, and I noticed that she did not read anything but that four pages.

We had a fine light and my sight is splendid, and having a curiosity to know what she was reading, I watched to see some of the angel pictures in the Lexington Christmas dailies and thought I could identify the story by the pictures when the old lady quit reading.

I could not see any picture in the paper, but I finally made out one advertisement.

It was Jim Hughes' job printing advertisement, and the paper was the Blue Grass Blade.

Paducah, Ky., Dec. 22—Mary Thomas, colored, was sentenced to 5 years in the penitentiary for killing Lem Crawford, colored.

The case against the Rev. G. W. Briggs, formerly pastor of the Broadway Methodist church, was called this afternoon and continued until the 4th of April term. He stabbed Wm. Carr during a fight about a misstatement of the former's child.

MORE TROUBLE FOR

JOHN ALEXANDER DOWIE

Creditors Say He is Going to Australia, and Ask Leave to File Suits.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Further legal trouble for John Alexander Dowie was started today, when a petition was filed in the United States District Court asking for permission to start suits against Dowie in the State courts, who "contumacious" proceedings are still pending.

The attorney who filed the petition and who represents a number of creditors, gave as a reason a belief that Dowie is to leave the jurisdiction of the court December 27th on a trip to Australia. Judge Kohlsaat intimated he would not object to the starting of suits in the State court, but expressed a desire that Dowie's counsel be advised and given a chance to appear in court.

ATTENTION KENTUCKIANS!

Special Train for Davenport, Lincoln County, Oklahoma, December 15th.

The town, while only six weeks old, has shown possibilities of a great future. Its population has steadily grown from the opening day. With the finest climate, a splendid agricultural country, this will soon be one of the leading towns of the great Southwest. A greater variety of crops can be produced in this part of America. It has the advantage of the greatest railroad facilities, being at the crossing of the Frisco and Santa Fe. All products find a market at the highest prices in this place, being shipped to such centers as St. Louis and Kansas City.

Now is the time to take advantage of the following liberal offer: Parties buying as much as Three Hundred Dollars worth of property in Davenport for cash, will be furnished a free round-trip ticket to Davenport. Town lots and farms can be had at the most reasonable prices.

For further information, call on or address the Kentucky-Oklahoma Land and Townsite Co., Lexington, Ky., or Davenport, Oklahoma.

When you purchase a ticket, ask for your own local Ticket Agent, ask for them via the Frisco System.

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Many discouraged invalids can be cured by proper treatment. State your case by letter to

DR. ENGLEHART, SPECIALIST MOUNT CLEMENS, MICHIGAN. Over fifty years practice.

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